GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Programme for SC/ST Farmers
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has prepared any programme or campaign to educate the farmers belonging to SCs/STs to undertake quality farming in adivasi tribal dominated areas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a network of 657 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) with a mandate for technology assessment and demonstration for its application and capacity development. As part of their activities the KVKs impart training on various agricultural activities to farmers including those belonging to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). Under the Tribal Sub Plan (TSP), 116 KVKs are working to educate the farmers to undertake quality farming in adivasi tribal dominated areas. These KVKs exclusively carrying out On-Farm Trials , Front Line Demonstrations, Farmers Training and other Extension Activities etc. The State-wise Number of SC/ST farmers benefitted from training by KVKs in tribal areas during 2015-16 and 2016-17 (Upto Oct.2016) are given in Annexure-I and the State wise details of performance and status of the activities of Tribal KVKs in the country during 2015-16 &2016-17 (Oct.2016) is given in Annexure-II.

Besides, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) is implementing a number of schemes viz Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Integrated Scheme for Agricultural Marketing (ISAM) etc for the welfare of farmers including SC and ST farmers.
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